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SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF US-ETHIOPIAN MILITARY SUPPLY
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RELATIONSHIP

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1. EPMG WILL UNDOUBTEDLY LEARN QUICKLY OF EXCEPTIONS TO
TERMINATION DECISION (REFTEL). UNLESS WE INFORM THEM
DIRECTLY, KNOWLEDGE OF FULL EXTENT OF DECISION COULD TAKE

SOME TIME TO FILTER THROUGH TO THEM, DURING WHICH TIME THEIR EXPECTATIONS COULD BE FALSELY RAISED, ENHANCING THE BITTERNESS OF THEIR EVENTUAL REACTION. SUBJECT TO YOUR VIEWS, WE FEEL THAT EPMG SHOULD BE INFORMED PROMPTLY, PREFERABLY AT MENGISTU LEVEL, ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

2. USG HAS BEEN STUDYING CAREFULLY THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE EPMG'S DECISION TO CLOSE DOWN MAAG, ETHIOPIAN MILITARY MISSION IN WASHINGTON AND DAO, RECALL ETHIOPIAN MILITARY TRAINEES IN US, AND ABROGATE THE 1953 MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT. USG CONCLUSION IS THAT EPMG ACTIONS TERMINATING MILITARY COOPERATION WITH US HAVE REMOVED THE LEGAL BASIS FOR OUR PROVISION OF DEFENSE ARTICLES TO ETHIOPIA UNDER MAP, CREATED INSURMOUNTABLE OBSTACLES TO FMS SUPPLIES (E.G., END-USE AND RE-TRANSFER ASSURANCES), CLOSED THE CHANNELS THROUGH WHICH SUCH ARTICLES HAVE BEEN

FURNISHED, AND REMOVED THE MECHANISM THROUGH WHICH WE COULD SATISFY OUR OBLIGATION FOR VERIFICATION OF END-ITEM USE.

3. WHILE THIS TERMINATION OF US-ETHIOPIAN MILITARY RELATIONSHIP IS REGRETTABLE AS UNMISTAKEABLY REFLECTING A SERIOUS DETERIORATION IN US-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS, IT IS NOT WITHOUT ITS ADVANTAGES. ON THE ONE HAND, IT REMOVES US FROM FURTHER IMPLICATION IN THOSE ASPECTS OF THE
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REVOLUTION WHICH, HOWEVER NECESSARY THEY MAY SEEM TO THE EPMG, WE MUST DEPLORE, I.E., SUPPRESSION OF DISSENTERS AND SEPARATISTS BY ARMED MIGHT RATHER THAN THROUGH NON-VIOLENT NEGOTIATIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT LEAVES US IN A POSITION TO CONCENTRATE ALL OUR EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF THOSE ASPECTS OF THE REVOLUTION WHICH WE HAVE WELCOMED, I.E., EXTENSION OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO BROAD MASSES OF NEEDY SEGMENTS OF POPULATION. AS WE CANCEL DELIVERY OF DEFENSE ARTICLES, WITH EXCEPTION OF OUTSTANDING COMMERCIAL CASE (SWIFTSHIPS MINUS ARMAMENT) AND ITEMS IN POSSESSION OF FREIGHT FORWARDER ON WHICH TITLE HAS PASSED TO EPMG, WE HOPE THAT EPMG WILL NOW PERMIT US TO PROCEED NOT ONLY WITH EXISTING AID PROJECTS (E.G., PULSES DIVERSIFICATION AND IMPROVEMENT) BUT ALSO WITH AID PROJECTS WE HAVE PROPOSED ON WHICH EPMG HAS TO DATE NOT SUBMITTED OFFICIAL REQUESTS BUT WHICH WILL DIRECTLY SERVE THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AIMS OF THE REVOLUTION (E.G., UPPER DIDESSA, RURAL ROADS, AND AGRICULTURAL SECTOR DEVELOPMENT). WE HOPE THE EPMG SHARES OUR VIEW THAT A NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONSHIP, SUPPLEMENTED BY COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS, WILL ACCURATELY REFLECT THE CURRENT STATE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP.

TIONS WHICH WE HOPE TIME AND GROWTH OF MUTUAL TRUST WILL
ENABLE TO IMPROVE.

4. IF ISSUE RAISED OF UNDELIVERED ITEMS FOR WHICH
PROGRESS PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE, YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT
THERE ARE A NUMBER OF MATTERS OUTSTANDING BETWEEN US
HAVING FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, INCLUDING NOT ONLY THEIR
PROGRESS PAYMENTS, BUT ALSO UNPAID LOAN BALANCES, KAGNEW
WATER AND ELECTRICITY ACCOUNTS, AND RESIDUAL KAGNEW
PROPERTY, AND THAT WE WILL COMMUNICATE WITH THE EPMG
LATER REGARDING A SETTLEMENT OF THESE ACCOUNTS. VANCE

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